



PRESS RELEASE
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Guwahati Zonal Office, has filed a Prosecution Complaint under Sections 44(1)(b) and 45(1) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Hon'ble Special Court for PMLA Cases at Guwahati against Dibyajyoti Kalita, the then Branch Head of Assam Gramin Vikash Bank (AGVB), Lahorijan Branch, Karbi Anglong, Assam, and Birbahu Brahma, a private person of Village Nabagram, Dudhnoi, District Goalpara, Assam, for the offence of money laundering as defined under Section 3 and punishable under Section 4 of the PMLA, 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered at Khatkhathi Police Station, Karbi Anglong, under Sections 420 and 409 of the IPC, 1860, which was thereafter re-registered by CBI, ACB, Shillong as Case No. RC0202022A0001 dated 03.01.2022; the CBI filed Chargesheet No. 01 dated 29.04.2024 invoking, in addition, Section 120-B IPC, 1860 and Section 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against the accused persons.

ED investigation revealed that during the period from December 2020 to April 2021, Dibyajyoti Kalita, in his capacity as Branch Head, AGVB Lahorijan Branch, in active conspiracy with one Birbahu Brahma, fraudulently misappropriated a sum of Rs. 7.28 Crore from the Adjustment Clearing Account of the said branch through twenty unauthorised transactions, executed by misuse of the Finacle banking software credentials, without any supporting vouchers or customer instructions. The Proceeds of Crime were placed and layered through fictitious customer accounts, multiple Self-Help Group/Society accounts opened on a single day, and a chain of Term Deposits and Loans Against Deposits created in fabricated names, before being routed into the personal account of the principal accused, the account of his wife, his tea-business partnership concern, and a network of surrogate accounts in the names of family members and close associates of the second accused, operated through signed blank cheques.

Earlier, searches conducted by ED on 28.11.2024 at the residential premises of both accused under Section 17 of the PMLA resulted in the seizure of incriminating records including handwritten notebooks recording joint investments, multiple property documents, cheque books in the names of third parties found in the possession of the second accused, and a RuPay debit card issued in the name of the principal accused recovered from the residence of the second accused.

Further investigation is under progress.